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Dear Justices,

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinions. I feel that the proposed Amendments to the court rules for Michigan is borderline of violating individuals constitutional rights. They (these Amendments) are a direct infringement of those rights guaranteed every individual who is a citizen of this country.

It sounds like Michigan's legal system is more concerned with being over-whelmed and over-burdened and finding quick fixes that it is with following the law to the letter. And when the letter of the law is not convenient enough or fast enough, simply change the law.

Adoption of these proposed Amendments will place defendants and their attorneys at a disproportional disadvantage. While prosecutors and law enforcement agencies will prevail. Surely there has to be room for an argument with this process. I can't even believe that the Justices are taking these proposals seriously.

There will be no quick fixes to the problems that the legal system as well as the correction system is facing in Michigan, surely these proposals are not a step in the right direction.

These proposals sound like individuals will walk into courtrooms "guilty" and are trying to prove their "innocence". Lawmakers, judges and the like are not enough to help find reasonable solutions to the problems within the courtrooms across this state. But, surely this commission that was set-up by Michigan's Supreme Court Justices, has not done anything to help in that area.

The commission should re-think these Amendments and use the constitution as a guide. Adoption of said "Amendments" will guarantee the State of Michigan will end up in court itself as a defendant for violation on one's constitutional rights. It is my sincere hope that you consider this comment along with the others in your office.

Thank You For Your Time,
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